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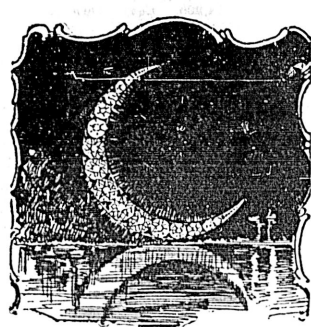
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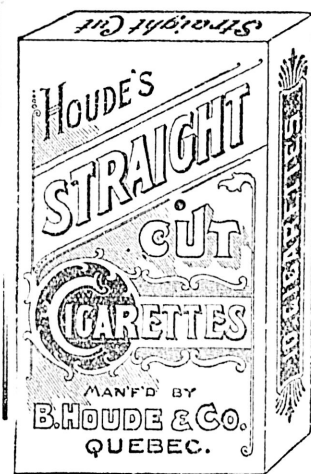
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Spirits Facing Substantial
New Levy.**

**Huge Army Estimates Presented
—The Regular Force Practi-
cally Doubled.**

London, March 2.—The Statist will say to-morrow that the Chancellor of the Exchequer's budget will be delivered Monday. The speech would not ordinarily be made until April, but the necessities of the government compel it to take immediate measures for retaining a large loan and increasing taxation.

The Statist shows that if the government estimates of expenditure are realized, it will be compelled to borrow £50,000,000 for war purposes, of which £23,000,000 will be raised to cover normal expenditures, and that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will be compelled to increase the taxation for the year by £7,000,000. It suggests that the income tax be increased a penny, which would give £2,200,000 additional revenue; that the tobacco duty be increased eight pence a pound, whereby £2,300,000 would be obtained; that the beer duty be increased a shilling per barrel, which would bring in £1,400,000; and that the duty on spirits be increased a shilling per gallon.

The army estimates show a total expenditure of £51,499,400.

The total number of officers and men is placed at 430,000, an increase over last year of 235,147.

The new estimates include sums of £10,000,000 and £13,000,000 already voted for the war.

A PLAY WELL ADVERTISED.

New York Court Discusses the Morals of Olga Netherole's Latest Production.

New York, March 2.—The first witness called for the defence in the Saphro case to-day was Theodore Moss, lessee of Wallace's Theatre. Counsel for the defence asked if there was anything in "Saphro" that he would not take his wife and children to see. He said that they had all been to the performance, and wished to go again.

"Are they church members?" "Yes," "Reputable people?" "I presume so."

"People of good morals?" "Yes, they live with me."

Mr. Moss said that there was nothing suggestive in Miss Netherole's costume, and that he had never heard any of the audience complaining about the immorality of the play. Mr. Moss was followed on the stand by Louis Netherole, Miss Netherole's brother and manager. There was not a thing, he asserted, in any scene that could be considered immoral or suggestive by fair-minded people without prejudice.

Inspector Walter Thompson was the last witness for the defence. He asserted that it was such a play as could be seen without moral danger by a 16-year-old child.

He refused to answer when asked if he would take his wife and daughter to the play. The defence rested its case after some further testimony that the play was not improper, and the case was adjourned until Monday, when Attorney Gardiner will sum up for the prosecution.

MYSTERIOUS MILLIONS.

Administrators Seek Heirs for Twelve Years and Still Have Money to Divide.

Chicago, March 1.—Mrs. D. R. Tenwick, 87 North Leavitt street, has received information that she would receive probably one-fifth of an estate valued at more than \$20,000,000, left by her uncle who died twelve years ago in Albany, N.Y.

According to the story told by Mrs. Tenwick the uncle was a fortune teller. His relatives had not heard from him in years and had no idea of his wealth until the administrators of the estate began to look up the rightful heirs. The whole fortune falls to the children of his brothers and sisters. There live in New York and two in Chicago. The other Chicago heir is John Wendell, a retired Chicago and Northwestern engineer.

OF FRANKLIN SYNDICATE.

Fugitive Clerk Brought Back to New York—Tells Secrets of the Swindlers.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 2.—Cecil Leslie, who was arrested here last night and who is wanted in New York for his connection with the Franklin Syndicate, was taken to New York to-day by a detective. In an interview just before his departure Leslie declared that he was only in the employ of Miller for six weeks, and had been engaged to answer correspondence. "I think that there were three men in that swindle," said he, and two of them have not been arrested. I doubt if Miller ever speculated with a dollar of the money that he got." Leslie's bond has been fixed at \$10,000. He had found it impossible to get anyone to go security for such a large sum, hence he had fled.

SICK WOMAN'S SUICIDE.

Springwater, N.Y., March 1.—Mrs. Jennie Doty, aged 50, suffering from continued ill-health, went to the barn, climbed a ladder to the rafters, tied one end of a rope around the beam, placed the other around her neck and jumped off. Her husband discovered the lifeless body shortly afterwards.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Stratheona Asks Photographs of Canadian Volunteers—Baroness Macdonald's Admiration.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 2.—The Redistribution bill was read a second time to-night, the six months' hoist being defeated. An unruly scene occurred in consequence of unparliamentary observations by McMullen. The Speaker had great difficulty in securing order.

Stratheona has cabled for photographs of both contingents, and relatives are requested to send them into the department of militia without delay.

Baroness Macdonald cables Sir Chas. Tupper from Watford, Ireland: "Bravo our splendid Canadian friends."

Sir Charles Tupper goes to Boston to-morrow to address by invitation a meeting of British residents on behalf of the Mansion House Fund.

Ladysmith Was In Extremity

**Privations Had Enfeebled the
Troops and Ammunition
Almost Exhausted.**

**Two Thirds of Whole Force Had
Been in Hospital—Supply
Train Arrives.**

London, March 2.—Col. Rhodes, brother of Cecil Rhodes, describing in the Times the entry into Ladysmith of Lord Dunsford and six hundred of the Imperial Light Horse and Natal Carbineers, on February 28, says:

"It is impossible to depict the enthusiasm of the beleaguered garrison. Cheers on cheers ran from post to post, and staff officers, civilians and soldiers flocked to greet them. At the ford of the Klip River women, with children in their arms, tearfully pressed forward to grasp the hands of the gallant band. Sisters and brothers, friends and relatives met again. It was the most moving scene I have ever witnessed. The contrast between the robust troopers of a dozen battles and the pale, emaciated defenders of Ladysmith had come at last."

Gen. Buller and his staff met the troops in the centre of the town. He was cheered with heartfelt enthusiasm. He addressed the civilians and thanked them and the garrison for their magnificent support through trials which we alone can realize. We could possibly have hung on for six weeks longer, but the privations would have been great and sickness and the paucity of our ammunition would have limited the number of assaults we would have been able to resist."

"We originally started the siege with 10,000 troops, 2,000 civilians and 4,000 natives. Between casualties and sickness, 8,000 passed through the hospitals."

"It is impossible to over-emphasize the privations of the sick. Since the middle of January, a man once down, was practically lost. The reduced rations of the soldiers were just sufficient for their subsistence. Daily thirty old horses and mules were slaughtered and converted into soup and sausages. From January 15 to now there have been over 200 deaths from disease alone."

"The last fortnight saw the majority of the field batteries unhorsed and the guns permanently posted in our defences. The cavalry and drivers were converted into infantry and sent to the trenches. A line of defences had been constructed with a view of a possible final contingency, if the outer works should be carried."

"Since the investment the total casualties have been: Killed, 6,000; wounded, 24 officers and 235 men. Died of disease, six officers and 340 men. Wounded, 70 officers and 520 men, exclusive of white civilians and natives."

New York, March 2.—Special cables to the morning papers deal at considerable length with the cost of the relief of Ladysmith to the British forces.

One says that a tabulation of the British losses consequent upon the one hundred and eighty days of the siege shows White's losses, killed and wounded in battle, 1,500; captured, 1,070. Buller's killed and wounded, 3,500; captured, 750. Total loss, White and Buller, 6,917.

Of the actual relief of Ladysmith, Winston Churchill sends an interesting account, in which he says:

"During the afternoon of the 28th, cavalry brigades pressed forward from Mordeno toward Bulwana Hill under Dunsford in the direction of Ladysmith. The Boers fired on the advancing troops with artillery stationed on Bulwana Hill. About 4 p.m. Major Gough's regiment, which was in advance, found that the ridges surrounding Ladysmith were apparently unoccupied. He reported this to Dunsford, who thereupon determined to ride through the gap and reach the town with two squadrons of the Light Horse and Carbineers. The rest of the brigade was sent back to Buller's picket line."

"When he started for Ladysmith there was only an hour of daylight left. The gallant troops galloped on swiftly in spite of the rough ground, up and down hill, through dongas and scrub oak, till they could see the British guns flashing from Wagon Hill."

Then it was faster till suddenly there was a challenge. "Who goes there?" "The Ladysmith relieving army," was the reply. The tattered and almost bootless men of Ladysmith crowded around, cheering very feebly. Even in the gloom one could see how thin and pale they looked, but how glad. The relieving force was conducted in triumph into the town headquarters, where they met White, Hunter, Hamilton and all the heroes of the defence."

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Buller's Foes Vanished

**The Victorious British General
Reports Success More Com-
plete Than Anticipated.**

**Ladysmith District is Entirely
Clear of Enemy—Last
Wagons in the Pass**

**Vast Quantities of Ammunition
Left Behind in Hurried
Flight.**

London, March 3.—(3 a.m.)—The war office has received the following despatch from Gen. Buller:

"Ladysmith, Friday, March 2.—(6:30 p.m.)—I find the defeat of the Boers more complete than I had dared to anticipate."

"This whole district is completely clear of Boers, and except on top of Van Reenen's Pass, where I see several wagons, can find no trace of them."

"Their last train left Modder Spruit station about 1 o'clock yesterday. They then blew up the bridge. They packed wagons six days ago, moving them to the north of Ladysmith."

"Vast quantities of ammunition of all sorts were left behind."

"It delighted me to see our soldiers sharing rations with Boer prisoners before they commenced their march for Modder River. Some of the poor fellows were very hungry after having been half starved."

Ladysmith, March 1.—Gen. Buller, accompanied by his staff, arrived here at 11:40 a.m. to-day. He entered the town unnoticed, as more cavalry was coming in during the morning. The news of his arrival soon spread, however, and Gen. White and his staff at once went to meet him. They met amid a scene of tremendous enthusiasm and Gen. Buller had a great reception."

The Boers are in full flight toward the Free State, and a flying column of Ladysmith troops are pursuing them. The Boers left many wagons and guns and quantities of provisions and ammunition behind them."

London, March 2.—A despatch from General Buller was received at the war office this morning announcing that 73 wagon loads of supplies were entering Ladysmith, the first eleven wagons containing horses and mules.

General Buller's casualties among officers during the fighting of February 27 were:

Killed—Col. O'Leary, of the Lancashire; Major Lewis, Capt. Syks and Lieut. Simpson, of the Scots Fusiliers; Lieut. Mourilyan, of the Warwickshires, and Lieut. Laly, of the Irish Fusiliers.

Wounded—General Barton and Col. Carr, of the Scots Fusiliers and twenty-three others.

ROBERTS TAKES DAY OFF.

Visits Kimberley With His Chief of Staff—Wounded Boers Fraternize With the Troops.

London, March 3.—Lord Roberts cables the war office from Osfontein, under date March 2, at 4 p.m.:

"I have just returned from paying Kimberley a hurried visit. I was gratified at finding the joy among the Kimberley people regarding the care of the sick and wounded, and much pleased to note with wonderment the harmony of the wounded Boers and our men, who clattered together upon experiences of the war."

Kimberley, March 1.—Lord Roberts and Gen. Kitchener arrived here this morning and were warmly welcomed by the municipal officials and thanked for the successful relief of the town. Lord Roberts said that it had given him great pleasure to assist Kimberley in her time of need, and that he was glad he had an opportunity of visiting the town. He found that he had a day off, so had come, but would leave to-morrow. There is gratitude and rejoicing over the relief of Ladysmith. Roberts and Kitchener were the guests of Cecil Rhodes while here.

COMING IN TO ROBERTS.

Between Five and Six Thousand Boers Located Few Miles From British Front.

Osfontein, March 2.—The Boers have now been definitely located four miles from the British front, their left resting on a high kopje and their right on the river. The burgher force is estimated to number between 5,000 and 6,000.

ARRESTED AS REBELS.

Dutch Residents of Colerberg Find an End to Their Plotting.

Rensberg, March 1.—The greater part of Dutch residents of Colerberg have been arrested as rebels. The Boers were yesterday in full retreat northwards, with a British force following them.

THE FRENCH NAVY.

People Urged to Make Sacrifices to Keep Up Dignity of the Nation.

Paris, March 1.—In the chamber of deputies to-day, while the naval estimates were under consideration M. Lockroy, former minister of marine, made a notable speech, explaining his views regarding the proper naval policy for France to pursue. He declared it necessary that France should make great monetary sacrifices for her navy as her foreign policy that the government had thought fit to suppress the credits proposed for eight submarines of the Narval type and urged that steps be taken to render Bizerta, the most northern town of Africa, in Tunis, impregnable.

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Finance and Commerce

Canadian reports are of less importance than usual, as over much of the territory severe storms have affected business. At St. John, N. B., business continues quiet, at retail especially. The fish trade shows an improvement through advanced prices. Ocean freights are reported firm, with upward tendency. Trade prospects at Halifax remain unchanged and lumbermen as yet have no snow to help out. Collections are fair. Severe snow at Quebec has hindered business greatly, but otherwise trade conditions remain unchanged. The movement of groceries at Montreal is a little erratic, but in dry goods, hardware, metals and paints trade is steady. Leather is dull, though some shoemakers are doing fairly good business. Dairy products are still, with a marked scarcity of butter. Money is plentiful at 5½ per cent. on call. The conditions at Victoria are quiet, both at wholesale and retail, and collections only fair. The volume of business at Vancouver in February was disappointing, and local trade conditions remain unsettled, with collections slow.

THE LONDON MARKETS.

London, March 2.—The markets here were extremely quiet to-day, the public mind being holding aloof, apparently waiting for the coming issue of consols. It has just been announced in parliament that the budget statement will be made on Monday, a month earlier than usual. Paris was dull, buying Spanish four and Pintos, the latter on a rumor that the final dividend for the year at the end of April will be 48 shillings. The Bank of France is expected to reduce its discount rate next week. The week's loss of 220,000 francs at the end of the Cape and 470,000 for South America. Call money and futures were steady and there was less demand for bills, which were in fair supply.

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEWS.

New York, March 2.—Dun's review of the week will say: "Failures for the week have been 28 in Canada, against 47 last year. Stormy weather to-morrow will say: Bradstreet's has retarded the development of spring trade at many markets, interrupted telegraph and railway communication and naturally checked the movements of merchandise. That the underlying business conditions are in high degree healthful will be gathered from the fact that business failures for February are at a minimum and liabilities only slightly exceed those of the same month a year ago, while assets have shrunk to a low percentage. Urgent demand from poorly supplied English spinners and the more favorable tendency of the African war news, coupled with pronounced speculative activity at domestic markets, are responsible for a very heavy advance in the price of raw cotton this week. Spot cotton reached 9 7-16 cents at New York and is well above 9 cents at most Southern ports, a gain of fully 3 cents per pound as compared with a year ago. Woolen goods have continued to be in good demand for fall delivery but the finer grades of raw wool have again weakened. The outcome of the next London sales is awaited with interest. Nearly all the cereals are lower in price for the week. Among other food products, sugar is weaker. Coffee is lower. Hog products have weakened on slower demand, notwithstanding smaller hog receipts. Hides have weakened and heavy sales at concessions are noted, but leather remains firm and the outlook in the boot and shoe trade for spring business is reported encouraging. Considering the amount of missionary work done in the interests of lower prices, iron and steel retain remarkable strength. Spring business in hardware is developing satisfactorily at most markets. The labor situation is less satisfactory than for some time past, owing to strikes of granite cutters in New England, but primarily to the widespread dissatisfaction shown in Chicago, where striking building trades workers have been demanding higher wages. Signs of a general movement among building trades workers for higher wages are noted at other cities. But it is to be noted that building materials are very strong. Failures in the United States for the week of February are telegraphed: Bradstreet's number 754 with aggregate liabilities of \$9,955,464, a decrease of 3.5 per cent. in number from February a year ago.

STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

New York, March 2.—The stock market failed to show any positive strength at any time during the day and in the late dealing the whole list yielded to bear pressure on the news of the threatening aspect of consuls among the metal workers in Chicago. The weakness of the iron and steel stocks was due to the large selling orders on Chicago account. The bears were busy in this group of stocks all day and supplemented the news of the labor troubles with many vague rumors for the purpose of deterring investors. There has hitherto been foretold on more or less reliable authority. Reports were circulated also of enormous rival combinations to be organized to compete in this industry. As the result of this pressure the majority of the stocks in the group were depressed from 2½ to 3 points. Closing quotations:

Am. Tob.	104½
Amn. Sugar	98½
Anacunda	44
A. S. & F. all paid	22½
A. S. & W.	55½
B. & O.	61½
B. T.	69½
Can. Pac.	98½
Can. Sou.	47½
C. & O.	28½
C. B. & Q.	123½
Chicago G.	90
C. R. I. & P.	106½
C. M. & St. P.	121½
Cont. Tob. com.	30½
Con. Gas. N. Y.	170
Colo. Fuel & Iron	50
C. C. & St. L.	107½
D. L. & W.	183
D. & H.	115½

D. S. & A. pfd.	154
Gen. Elec.	103½
J. C.	116
L. E. & W.	21½
L. & N.	81½
Man. Elev.	93½
Mo. Pac.	40½
Nor. Pac. com. new	162½
Nor. Pac. pfd.	74½
N. Y. C. & H.	132½
N. Y. C. & H. pfd.	23½
Pressed Steel com.	54½
So. Ry. com.	13½
So. Pac.	38
T. C. & I.	93
U. S. Leather	114
U. S. Rubber	33
U. P. com.	48½
U. P. pfd.	81½

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

London, March 2.—C. P. R. 100%; G. T. R. 1st pfd. 77; Anacunda 94.
New York, March 2.—Money on call steady at 2½ per cent; last loan 2½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4½ per cent. Sterling exchange easy with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.80 per £100, and at \$4.82 per £100 for 60 days. Posted rates \$4.84 and \$4.87 per £100. Commercial bills \$4.80 per £100. Bar silver 50½¢; silver certificates 68½¢; 60¢; Mexican dollars 47½¢.

PRODUCE AT CHICAGO.

Chicago, March 2.—Wheat closed—March 64½¢, May 65½¢, July 66½¢. Corn—March 33½¢, May 34½¢, July 34½¢, Sept. 35½¢. Oats—May 23½¢, July 24½¢.

IT IS A MISTAKE

To suppose that the kidneys alone are responsible for all the weak, lame, aching back, sciatica, etc., is a mistake. The left shoulder blade frequently comes from the liver or complications of the liver and kidneys which can only be cured by using the great double treatment—Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box.

VALUE OF DRAMATIC CRITICISM

Even by Combining the Critics Could Not Kill a Good Play, Nor Save a Poor One.

Franklin Fyles, writing of "The First Night of a Play" (In New York) in the February Ladies' Home Journal, says that most of the men who write of plays and acting are able and honest. This, that or the other critic may have his whims and caprices, his likes and dislikes, and these feelings break out in his writings. But the average of judicial fairness is high. The writers are adequately paid by their employers, and as a rule they are left untrammelled in their honest judgments. Their work is done under hard conditions, and trained men can only do it with facility. The performance is never over before eleven o'clock; usually it lasts half an hour longer, and not infrequently drags along until twelve. As the "copy" must be in the office, three or four miles away, not later than one o'clock, there is a necessity for quick thought and composition. The critics are influential with the public, but their judgment is not conclusive. If they were to combine to make a poor play succeed, or a good play fail, they could not do it. The most they could do would be to send people to the theatre or keep them away the first week or so. After that the play would depend upon itself. As a fact, any concert of action by the critics is unknown. It is not their custom to exchange views at the theatre. Their published opinions are in a substantial union when the play is of a positive kind, but differ radically when it is of uncertain merit."

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Too much praise cannot be given to Gen. White for his heroic resistance. It is hardly possible for us at a distance to appreciate the trials which the heroic garrison and population of the beleaguered town have had to endure. To so judiciously conserve all the material at his command that nothing, neither of life nor of material, should be wasted, to know within what limits to keep his attacks upon the besiegers, to adequately gauge the degree of defence necessary to meet their assaults, to keep up the spirits and health of so many people on short allowance of food, to be able to wait day after day, week after week and month after month for that relief, which was so near and yet so far, was a test of leadership such as falls to the lot of few men. Gen. White has stood it nobly.

As to Gen. Buller, greater time will be necessary to enable us to form a correct idea of the qualities displayed by him during the eventful weeks spent along the Tugela. We have yet to hear his own story of what he did and why he did it. He succeeded, and success is all we are thinking about just now. No one doubts his courage or his indomitable perseverance. No one begrudges him all the glory attaching to the relief of the besieged city. No one belittles the tremendous task which he was set to overcome. But some things remain to be explained. Why was it thought necessary to fight the first battle at Colenso? How is the Spion Kop incident to be understood? These are questions to which answers will be expected by the British people. His explanation of them will be received by a friendly public, which will wait patiently until the return of peace enables him to make it.

Great interest now centres upon the course which the enemy will take. Naturally one would expect them to concentrate to resist Roberts. How many available men they have is purely a matter of surmise. Outside of their own official circles it is not known how many they had in the first place or what their losses in battle and from disease have been. Probably not even their own commanding officers know how many of their men have been dispersed. Then there is the question of munitions of war. This must be growing very serious, and will become more so as time passes.

LET US REASON TOGETHER.

It is timely to review the political events which have led up to the existing situation and induced the very painful incident of Thursday in the legislature. For this purpose it is necessary to make some reference to the events attending the dismissal of the Turner ministry. We pointed out at the time that the dismissal of that ministry, while strictly within the constitutional powers of the Lieutenant-Governor, was based on unconstitutional grounds. An act which is perfectly constitutional in itself may be rendered unconstitutional by the circumstances surrounding it. This was the case with the dismissal referred to. The Colonist pointed out this at the time and dwelt very strongly and frequently upon the contention that the action of His Honor in that matter, followed up, as it was, by complete failure of his new ministers to accept the responsibility of it, state the reasons for it and justify them to the

legislature, would have the effect of removing from the office of lieutenant-governor that "dignity which doth hedge about a king," and would result in making that official's personality an element in our provincial politics. For taking this position the Colonist was roundly assailed by the whole provincial press supporting the Semlin government. Its arguments were not met, but puny shafts of ridicule and their feeble attempts at drawing across the scent characterized the efforts to reply. The result has been precisely as we predicted, and we have the very men who profited by the act of the Lieutenant-Governor in 1898 leading the way in the most remarkable demonstration against the representative of the crown, personally, ever seen in a province of Canada.

We have said that the dismissal of the Turner ministry was a constitutional act rendered unconstitutional by the circumstances surrounding it; but the dismissal of the Semlin government was of quite a different character. That was a perfectly constitutional act done for perfectly constitutional reasons. There are some things in the letter of dismissal which we think might well have been omitted from it, for they do not strengthen it in any way; but there are in that document two perfectly valid reasons why Mr. Semlin and his colleagues should have been removed from office. These are the failure of the late premier to fill up his cabinet, which was in direct defiance of the Constitution Act, and the determination of the government to hold to office after an adverse vote of the legislature following two months of profitless session of the assembly.

As we are discussing the constitutional question involved, we think it right to say here, to avoid being misunderstood, that having acted in strict accordance with constitutional usage, the Lieutenant-Governor made a very grave error in calling Mr. Martin to the premiership. If he had felt unable to select a new minister from the regular opposition, he ought, we submit, to have gone outside of the house altogether, as he had a perfect right to do. If he had taken this course, we think there would have been a disposition on the part of the members generally to have quietly awaited events. Instead of this he chose the one man in the legislature who had absolutely no following. This led members to think that His Honor was endeavoring to carry out some preconceived plan rather than to serve the best interests of the country, and was the real cause of Thursday's painful demonstration. A majority of the members of the legislature regarded the choice of Mr. Martin as a direct affront and chose their own way of resenting it.

Returning now to the constitutional aspect of the case, we find that the Lieutenant-Governor, having dismissed his ministry while the house was in session, was bound to communicate to the house his reasons for so doing. To decline or neglect to do so would be a grave breach of constitutional usage, and would be to put a slight upon the house that no representative body of free men could tolerate for a moment. At this stage of the case His Honor was badly treated by his dismissed ministry and badly advised by his new premier. The letter of dismissal closes with a paragraph in which permission was given by His Honor to lay it before the house. We submit that Mr. Semlin was in duty bound, by reason of the position which he had just vacated and also by reason of the fact that had lately been the leader of the house, forthwith to place that letter before the members. If he had done so, the house would have seen on Tuesday that the government had been dismissed because it had not accepted the dismissal of the house given on the previous Friday, but had endeavored by intrigue to continue in power. Instead of taking this, the only honorable course, the dismissed ministry prepared a motion asking the house to express confidence in it and declare that the dismissal was wrong. No member of the government ventured to move this resolution himself, but a gentleman was found who was ready to do so. Almost immediately one of the members called upon Mr. Semlin to read the letter of dismissal, but met with no response. If the letter had been read, as it ought to have been, a very different face would have been put upon the situation.

But if Mr. Semlin failed in his duty to the Lieutenant-Governor and to the house by temporarily suppressing the letter of dismissal, Mr. Martin exhibited little political sagacity in allowing Tuesday's session to pass without himself placing the letter before the house. He had a perfect right to do so, seeing that he was in a position to announce that he had been requested to accept the task of forming a ministry and had done so. While he had not at that time actually accepted an office, and therefore had not been sworn in and was a member of the legislature entitled to take part in its proceedings, he was nevertheless the minister. He was not a member of the Executive Council, but he was His Honor's adviser, and as such it was within his power to bring down to the house the reasons why the late ministry had been dismissed. He seemed to think that he had no right to do this, for he said there was no way in which the Lieutenant-Governor could communicate with the house except through Mr. Semlin.

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lin, a proposition in constitutional law which we utterly deny. Being first minister and a member of the house, it was only Mr. Martin's right, but his bounden duty to submit the letter of dismissal of the house after Mr. Semlin had declined to do so. Instead of realizing his constitutional standing, he actually sat in his place and heard the Speaker say that in his opinion the dismissed ministry had power to bring down returns. Mr. Semlin's failure to produce the letter of dismissal was a grave act of discourtesy to the house. Mr. Martin's failure to lay it before the members was a constitutional error, indicating lack of appreciation of the responsibility of his new position. Therefore we say that in respect to this letter the Lieutenant-Governor was very badly advised by his new premier, or he was not advised at all, which comes to the same thing.

The result of this failure on the part of the dismissed premier and the new one was to throw the Lieutenant-Governor personally into the very midst of a heated political crisis, a position which he never should occupy and never would have occupied if he had been surrounded by advisers who paid some regard to the constitutional usages established by centuries of experience.

We think the above considerations show the imperative necessity of returning in British Columbia at once to constitutional government. The office of lieutenant-governor must be kept out of politics. It must be kept so completely out of politics that it can never be suggested that Government House is the centre of political intrigue. Rightly or wrongly it does not matter in one sense, but the people believe that this condition has been violated in British Columbia during the last year or two. The press has contained direct allusions to that effect and more or less covert insinuations to the same purpose have been made in the house. We are unable to see into the Lieutenant-Governor's mind and hence cannot know what has been passing therein; but no matter what he may have in point of fact wished or intended, indeed admitting that he was sincerely animated by a desire to promote only the best interests of the province, and was not aiming to advance the personal ambition of any person or persons, the fact remains that grave allegations have been made regarding the reasons for his exercise of the prerogative on at least two occasions. It is with this we are dealing and not with the truth or falsity of the allegations, when we say that anything so unseemly can be avoided if the constitution is always strictly observed. His Honor misconceived his constitutional position in 1898 and the result was the installation into office of a ministry which openly defied the constitution. Therein lay the seed of all the difficulties and embarrassments which have since arisen. Severely criticized because he exercised the prerogative without waiting for the verdict of the house in 1898, he finds himself condemned for acting upon the verdict of the house in 1900. And in both cases he had no ministry to stand between him and public opinion. It was Mr. Semlin's duty to have promptly and fully accepted the whole responsibility for the dismissal of the first named year, and it was Mr. Martin's duty to have done likewise for the recent dismissal. The failure of both to do so has placed the Lieutenant-Governor in an unprecedented position before the public.

Some Colonist readers have said that we make too much of constitutional questions. We hardly think any one will say so again. We plead with readers to examine into this matter. The heat of the controversy has had time to subside a little. Let us not be led away from the true issue into personal considerations. At the most a lieutenant-governor's term of office is not long; but the principles upon which constitutional government is founded are, let us hope, eternal. They cannot be overthrown, unless the people permit them to be overthrown. In every British subject there abides the divine right of rebellion, and how thin the partition is which restrains it from exhibiting itself need hardly be suggested after what we have seen during the last day or two.

The British meeting held in Seattle a few days ago, a report of which we print elsewhere, was a very interesting incident, and doubtless appeals more to the sympathy of the reputable citizens of that city than the frothy pro-Boer oratory lately heard there.

A paragraph in the Times imputes to Mr. Helmcken what would have been a shabby trick on the Lieutenant-Governor and the Premier, in securing delay in His Honor's entry to prorogue the legislature, on the plea of presenting a patriotic resolution, and conniving at use of this opportunity for presenting the motion of no confidence in Mr. Martin. Mr. Helmcken states that there is no warrant whatever for such an imputation, and that he knew nothing of the Prentice resolution until he heard it read in the house. Upon being told that His Honor could not delay his entry without the consent of the Premier, he had seen Mr. Martin and explained that he wanted a few minutes after prayers to present a resolution on the relief of Ladysmith, and the Premier after a little persuasion promised to arrange the matter with the Lieutenant-Governor, and did so. Mr. Helmcken stood up to move the resolution as soon as prayers were over, but Mr. Prentice rose simultaneously and the Speaker seeing first the member nearest to him, the mischief was done. Mr. Helmcken says he has no reason to believe that Mr. Prentice knew of the

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At Mafeking on January 3, the Boers fired six 9-pounder shells with deliberation into the women's laager. A little girl was killed and several women and children injured.

January 18 being the first day of the Epiphany (old style), prayers were offered up in thirty Greek churches in Athens for the success of the British arms in South Africa.

A sergeant of the Essex Regiment writes from De Aar: "My linen consists of one gray-black shirt and one pair of socks with the heels out; my pillow is 100 rounds of ammunition."

A New Zealander who has suffered from dysentery says he has received great benefit from a teaspoonful of coffee grounds. Angostura bitters are advocated by another correspondent as equally infallible.

The French government has issued a circular urging all Frenchmen to make themselves expert rifle shots, and points to the Boers as in its opinion keeping the British troops in check by superior skill with the rifle.

Li. Col. T. D. Evans, who threw up his command in the Yukon to accept a command in the second contingent Canadian volunteers, walked 110 miles to come out of the country in time to join the force.—London News.

A correspondent of the Cape Times at Lorenzo Marquez says: "Emissaries from the Boers are scouring the town for sugar, coffee, candles, etc., and are paying big prices for the same. There can be no doubt that the Transvaal is short of supplies."

At Coles Kop on January 16, the champion Boer marksman was shot while incautiously showing himself for a few seconds. Gen. French's tactics thoroughly perturbed the enemy, who are puzzled at our departure from the textbook tactics which so well suited them.

The local newspapers of Fatenburg, a town in Pomerania, gives the following bit of news in an extra edition: "Reuter's office just announces that the Boers have sunk forty-six English ironclads in Delagoa Bay with a searchlight."

A private in the Royal West Surrey Regiment writes from Eastcourt: "The Boers have murdered an English resident here who refused to fight for them, and also looted everything. But we shall pay all that back by and by."

A Guardsman writes of the Belmont fight: "When our men had rushed the hill and were at the top, Private Collins, of the Grenadiers—the champion boxer of the army—found himself face to face with a Boer, who said: 'Spare me; I have only done my duty.' Collins, who had his bayonet fixed, replied 'You have done your duty, and I am going to do mine'—and he made the Boer a present of his bayonet. Before he could discharge himself he was shot through the head by another Boer, who was carefully hiding behind a rock."

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It is a new and very human and understandable Cleopatra that Miss Blanche Walsh presents in the Sardou version of the magnificent poem of passion based upon the tragic love of imperial Antony and Egypt's queen—a Cleopatra in which perhaps a great deal of the imperious mistress of the land of Pharaohs is lost in the woman side of the tigress of the Nile. The study is a worthy one, and in her characterization of the great mystery of Egyptian history biography she is successful beyond question through her simplification of the text. Her Cleopatra is pre-eminently a woman of the South—a whirlwind in late or fondness—but first and always a woman and then a queen; regal in command and in devotion to the religion and traditions of her land of antiquity—but with whom her lover's loyalty and his caresses count for more than crowns.

Those who have seen Fanny Davenport in the same strong and picturesque dramatization may prefer her handling of the part as a whole to Miss Walsh's. The latter, however, rises to a height of superior and more artistically toned dramatic strength in her reception of the messenger from Rome, her pantomimic presentation of love and hate, curiosity and scorn, in the extraordinary scene where Antony is with Octavia, in her invocation to Typhon, and in her death—so realistically handled as to try the nerves.

There is, too, an infinite tenderness in her passages with the Roman master of her heart, which the elder and perhaps better known actress does not achieve, and a studious vindication written in every phase of her personation of Egypt's queen.

The Marc Antony of Mr. MacDowell is, too, an appropriate foil, both scholarly and strong. He has the face, the physique, the voice, for heroic roles—and his face is particularly expressive and satisfying to the critical where he kisses the "Sorceress" of Egypt with his lips to her and to his doom. Another strong characterization is the Kephren of Mr. Elliott, who shows a fine understanding of the passive requirements of the part, as well as of the dominant devotion that is the keynote of Kephren's life.

Of the others—all of them—they serve admirably to accentuate the talent of the leaders.

Scenery, appointments, lighting, are admirable, and the play is thoroughly enjoyable both as an entertainment and as a lesson in legitimate interpretation of the best in spectacular-historic-melodrama.

Of course there are some things that "might have been" to add to the pleasure of last night's crowded house. For example, if the architect and builders had looked ahead, the stage might have been made large enough to take on the whole of the magnificent settings carried by the company.

Then nature might have permitted many in the audience with the propensities of fitness not to continually laugh in the wrong places and not give the general public to surmise that they had expected in Cleopatra a premiere serio-comic with a challenge to the world in the specialties line.

It might, too, if the stage had been larger, have been possible to avoid the waits, and so preserve the continuity of the dramatic narrative. But in all these things there were reasons to prevent what might have been, and no one could reasonably complain.

Even the waits between acts were responsible for the opportunity to enjoy some excellent orchestral music, of which otherwise the audience would have been deprived; the orchestra, again under the direction of Herr Adolf Freimuth, played well, and the high commendation not only of the musicianly critical portion of the house, but of the visiting players as well, in the following numbers:

Overture—"Martha".....Flotow
Selection fr. "An Artist's Model".....Jones
Concert Waltzes—"Love's Proposal".....Tobey
Serenade—"Fairy Tales".....Ellenberg
Selection fr. "Carmen".....Bisset
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TRAFFIC MANAGER RETIRES.

Montreal, March 2.—George B. Reeves, general traffic manager of the G.T.R., has handed in his resignation to take effect April 2. Mr. Reeves' resignation is due to the fact that he believes after forty years' continuous service with the road he wants a rest.

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CLEOPATRA'S DREAM.

Lo! by Nilus' languid waters
Fades the dreamy summer day
Where, on a couch of gold and crimson,
Egypt's royal daughter lay—
Dreaming lay, while palm and pillar
Cast their length'ning shadows now,
And the lotus-laden zephyrs
Lightly kiss her queenly brow.

Soft, the evening steals upon her,
As behind the curtained west
Sinks the Day God in his splendor—
Folds his woolly arms to rest.
Drowsy shapes of dusky Egypt
Homeward, slow, their burden bear,
While the boatman's lazy challenge
Falls upon the quivering air.

Dreams she of her Roman lover—
He who cast a crown away—
Country, kindred, fame and honor,
In her captive arms to lay!
Aye! of Antony, her hero,
Sharer of her heart and throne—
He whose ships now homeward sailing
Bear her all of love alone.

Starts she in her sleeping glory,
And her brown arms, jeweled, bare,
Round and rich in queenly beauty,
Wildly cleave the slumberous air.
Beads of perspiration gather
On her matchless woman's brow,
While her parted lips in anguish
Tell of heart pangs none may know.

Sure, some vision, dire and dreadful,
Palls upon her eyes and brain,
Piercing in her being's centre
With a fiery shaft of pain.
Like a sea, her full-orbed bosom
Swells and falls with pent-up ire;
Then her spirit breaks its thraldom
And she shrieks in wild despair:

"Chairman, quick—unhose my girdle,
Give me breath—I faint, I die!
Hail! slaves, bring my royal galley,
Let us hence from Egypt fly.
Ah, for vengeance on the traitor,
And upon his Roman bride;
Let him never dare—ah, Chairman,
Stand you closely by my side.

"Do I dream? Is this my palace—
You my smoothly-flowing Nile?
Ah, I see—O great Osiris,
How I thank thee for thy smile!
Oh, I've had such fearful vision,
He, my Antony, untrue;
And my heart was high to bursting
With its fearful weight of woe.

"But 'tis over; yet I tremble—
On that brink of fate I stand!
What prophetic bird of evil
Hovers o'er this sacred land?
What if true should come my dreaming,
And no more my love returns!
Ah, the thought my heart's blood freezes,
While my brain with madness burns."

Then she listens, gazing outward,
Towards a dim futurity,
And the Nile, forever onward,
Bears its burdens to the sea.
And she catches from his whispers
Echoing whisp'ers in her soul,
That her reign of love is ended,
And her life is near its goal.

—J. J. Owen.

LOCAL NEWS

Leaving For Home.—Most of the members of the legislature have left for their homes this morning. Others will go to-day.

Asked to Co-operate.—The members of the medical board of the federated societies met last evening and discussed and passed the by-laws governing the board. Steps were taken to acquaint all societies throughout the province with the fact of the recent combination of Victoria doctors, and a request was made to them asking that the proposed amendments to the Medical Act be made a question to be put to all gentlemen asking for election to the legislature.

Just Rumors.—Since the two men were arrested at the naval yard on Sunday last for trespassing on the naval reserve, a number of rumors have been current about encounters the guards at Esquimalt and Work Point have had with visitors. One report had it that sentry at Work Point had fired on two men a few evenings ago, and another that a naval officer had been detained for refusing to give the counter-signal on entering the navy yard at night. Neither report could be confirmed.

PERSONAL.

A. H. B. Macgowan and wife, of Vancouver, are at the Driford.
D. Alexander, of Duncan, is at the Oriental.

F. J. Wheeler, Vancouver agent of the Great Northern, is at the Driford.
G. Frank Gibbons and nine other members of the Walsh-MacDowell Company, are at the Dominion.

A. Lynam and J. Thornborough, of Chicago, are at the Queen's.
T. H. Brooks, of Prince Albert, is at the Dominion. Mr. Brooks was a pioneer of the Yukon country, and has been at Ottawa visiting his old home.

Mrs. A. H. McNeil, of Vancouver, is stopping at the Driford.
I. G. Lang, of Coble Hill, is at the Dominion.

W. T. Paxton and family, of Seattle, are at the Victoria.
Matthew Ries, who will take a party to Cape Nome in the spring, is stopping at the Dominion.

Capt. H. A. Mellon, of Vancouver, is at the Oriental.
D. H. Campbell, of Vancouver, is at the Queen's.

John D. Roberts, representing the Blue Ribbon Tea Company, is at the Victoria.
Dr. G. L. Milne, W. J. McKeown and F. B. Pemberton returned from the Mainland last evening.

THE GOVERNOR'S ACTION.

To The Editor of The Colonist.
Sir: I am very much surprised at the action of the Lieutenant-Governor in calling on a late member of the cabinet, who was dismissed from office by his own government. Surely there are men enough amongst the thirty-eight whom the people have sent there to do their business, to form a government, without calling in a man who is not one of the members of the house, and whose first act is to ask men who have either been turned down by their countrymen or who have never ventured to ask their suffrages to take office.
It is surely full time the people rose in their might and demanded the withdrawal of the present representative of the crown. Let us, as the supreme power under the constitution, give expression to our indignation, call meetings all over the province and demand his withdrawal as representative of our beloved sovereign.

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MARINE NOTES.

Kinshui Maru Passed Quarantine and Dock Yesterday Afternoon.

The Kinshui Maru came in from the quarantine station yesterday at 1:30 p.m. She had 172 Japanese passengers for here beside over 100 for Seattle. She left about 50 tons of freight and had on board 3,000 tons for Seattle. This included a large quantity of silk and general cargo.

The Amur is on the marine ways having her hull cleaned, and will sail for Skagway on Sunday.

The Queen City left last night for Skidgate and way ports. She had several cabinmen among her passengers. The list included: R. Draine and son, G. S. McTavish, J. Kermode, B. Madigan, W. B. Skillen, B. Stapleton, B. A. Good, A. Stewart Robertson, Rev. Raley and wife, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Crocker, Messrs. Cuppage and Mansel.

The steamer Willapa sailed last night for the West Coast, the passenger list being as follows: A. W. Neill, M.P.P. of Alberni, and W. M. Brewer, of the Seattle group of mines; G. R. Talbot and A. T. Newton, two Coast mining men.

The tug Lois from Vancouver, founded at Spratt's wharf on Thursday night. She came over with a load of coal for the chemical company and was tied up. Her captain and crew came up town to assist in the celebration, and when they returned found the tug had sunk.

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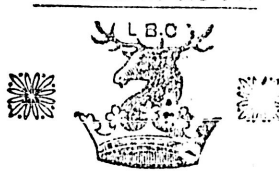
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THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, March 2-8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.

An extensive low barometer area is centered off the coast of Vancouver Island and the neighboring states, while east of the Rockies abnormally high pressure prevails accompanied by zero temperatures. These conditions will probably cause showery weather over the Pacific Slope. Snow is falling in Cariboo, Manitoba and Montana. Along the coast the weather has been fair and mild from this southward to California.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	51
New Westminster	36	54
Kamloops	32	44
Barkerville	16	30
Calgary	8	12
Winnipeg	-10	14
Portland, Ore.	-38	52
San Francisco	54	60

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time), Saturday:
Victoria and vicinity—East and southwest winds; unsettled, with showers.
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds; unsettled, followed by rain.

VICTORIA DAILY REPORT.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 a.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

	Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.	40	Mean.....45
Noon	48	Highest.....54
5 p.m.	48	Lowest.....39

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m. 5 miles northeast.
Noon 4 miles northeast.
5 p.m. 4 miles east.

Average state of weather—Fair.
Sunshine—7 hours 42 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.792
Corrected.....29.790

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Victorian from the Sound:
Mr. Macdonald, Mrs. P. Pascoe,
Arthur Elliott, Mrs. Pascoe,
Wm. H. Butler, Miss Gordon,
John Fitzsimmons, Mrs. Nevin,
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F. J. Wheeler, Miss Shaw,
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J. R. Stett, J. D. Roberts,
W. J. McKeown, Rev. Steppert,
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SCHOOL AFFAIRS.

Two Appointments to City Teaching Staffs—Flagpoles to Be Provided.

The board of school trustees held an emergency meeting yesterday afternoon, principally to consider applications for appointment to the staff. Trustee Drury, who is out of town, was the only absentee. Among the communications read were letters from Angus Galbraith of the North Ward school, and Miss C. T. Lorimer of the South Park school, resigning their respective positions, the former to take effect immediately, the latter at the end of this month. Both were accepted. Mr. Currie, of the Boys' school, who has been in poor health for some months, wrote asking for three weeks' leave of absence, as he had been ordered by his physician to take a course of special treatment in the hospital. The leave asked for was granted.

Trustee McCandless introduced a resolution which had given notice, authorizing the buildings and grounds committee to call for tenders for the erection of a flagstaff at each of the larger schools. The resolution carried. City Superintendent Eaton recommended that a suitable teacher's desk be purchased for the two vacant rooms in Victoria West school, and that the field adjoining this school be rented, if possible, for playground purposes. The former matter was referred to the supply committee and the latter to the buildings and grounds committee.

The appointments to the two vacant positions fell to C. L. Brown, B. A., of Vancouver, and Miss S. C. Ruth Pope, now teaching on the Mainland. Mr. Brown, who is expected to enter upon his duties at once, will be assigned to the staff of the Boys' school, taking the place of Mr. Clark, who is to be transferred to the North Ward school. The question of temporary supply during Mr. Currie's absence is left in the hands of the city superintendent.

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Yukon Misgovernment Has Its Results—Trips for Wives of Faithful.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—The week in parliament has been impressively dull from a business standpoint. The debate on the contingent resolutions is still in progress, and although the Conservatives are disposed to allow the resolutions to pass, it does not suit the purposes of the government to facilitate the progress of business. Parliament has been in session almost a month, and practically there is nothing accomplished. The government is putting a bold face on its unpreparedness with legislation, and coolly asks the private members to surrender one of their days for government business. It is expected that the debate on the resolutions will terminate during the coming week, and then the opposition will insist upon seeing something of the ministerial measures.

SLIGHT TO VICTORIA.

The impudent letter which Mr. Tarte caused to be sent to the Victoria board of trade has been seen by many members of parliament, and at an early date Col. Prior will take occasion to haul the Minister of Public Works over the coals. Mr. Tarte in his letter makes it clearly understood that he does not desire nor intend to do anything for Victoria. He pleads that everything which the government is asked to do cannot be accomplished in four years, but while an important work, like the improvement of Victoria harbor is left untouched, the government can spend \$500,000 on the construction of the lock at St. Andrew's rapids, below Winnipeg, a work of minor importance as compared with Victoria, and hundreds of thousands of dollars in building wharves and breakwaters at tenth-century harbors in the Maritime Provinces.

A MONTREAL SCANDAL.

Along with the claims for public works which the government has to face are scores of applications from hangers-on of the Liberal party. Due to the most glaring political jobs which have just been perpetrated is the appointment of Mr. James McShane, ex-M. P., to the position of harbor master at the port of Montreal. The nomination is not made directly by the government, but by the members of the harbor commission, who are chosen by the federal authorities. Mr. McShane has absolutely no qualifications for the position; in fact it is said that he can hardly tell the difference between the bow and the stern of a vessel. Victoria people who are well acquainted with him, and who well understand how essential it is to have a man as harbor master who from long experience has learned all about the conditions and needs of the different classes of vessels visiting a port. There is such a man available in Montreal, named Captain Bourassa, a murriner of great experience and who had been acting harbor master for some years. His appointment was endorsed by all the business men of the city, including the shipping interests, the corn exchange and the railway trade. Mayor Prefontaine, one of the nominees of the Dominion government on the harbor board, in the course of the discussion said on two different occasions that the appointment of harbor master was a political one, and that he must press for the appointment of Mr. McShane. The nomination was successful, with the result that the government has driven yet another nail into its political coffin.

A SYCOPLANT'S REWARD.

The action of Sir Louis Davies in sending Major Gourdeau to Paris in charge of the fisheries exhibit is severely criticized. Although Gourdeau was appointed deputy minister by the Conservatives, he has shown himself, since the Liberals have been in power, to be a sycophant of the worst kind. The Conservatives know this well, and the Citizen the other day dubbed him "Sir Louis' valet de chambre." Major Gourdeau has no practical knowledge of the fisheries of Canada; he has simply been accountant of the department. He is hardly the man, therefore, to send to Paris to explain Canada's fishery resources.

FRENCH AND THE FLAG.

Some of the French-Canadian politicians are getting to be very sensitive now over the slightest allegations of anything pertaining to disloyalty. Mr. Monet is the only man who comes out boldly in favor of independence. Senator Dandurand the other day in the course of a speech in Montreal stated that "the time will come when this country will cease to be a dependency and will fly her own flag. Some of the Ontario papers referred to this statement as a declaration in favor of independence. Mr. Dandurand evidently repented of his hasty utterance, as he hurriedly explained to the Mail and Empire that he had said the French-Canadians were satisfied with the status quo and did not long for the independence of Canada or any other change. Notwithstanding this statement of the Senator's, his original remark rises in justification against him.

MARRIAGE NO FAILURE.

By the way, the wife of Senator Dandurand has been appointed commissioner for the Paris exposition, and another Quebec lady, wife of a member of the editorial staff of La Patrie, has been chosen assistant to the lady commissioner. In this way does warlike Quebec continue to reap its reward. There are a good many who are beginning to ask how long this kind of thing is going to continue, as it is felt that there are eminent women of high social position and good ability in other provinces who might certainly be invited to share the honors of Paris.

PACIFIC CABLE.

On three different occasions this week the Pacific cable matter has been discussed. A point has been reached in connection with this enterprise that unless definite action be taken promptly the Canadian government may just as well withdraw from the arrangement entered into with Great Britain and the other colonies. Friends of the cable project have determined to make a protest against the continuance in the colonial office of Sir Robert Herbert, one of the directors of the Eastern Extension Company. It is considered little short of a public scandal that one of the interested parties in this enterprise should be the colonial secretary on this matter.

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INFLUX OF CHINESE.
Sir Richard Cartwright, the other day, informed Mr. McInnes that the reason why the government did not present a bill last session to increase the entry tax on Chinese was because it was not considered advisable to introduce such a measure. Possibly a bill of this kind might be brought down this session. The following are the statistics of Chinese immigration during the past four years, although the minister would not guarantee their absolute accuracy, as there was pretty good evidence, he said, that a large number of the Chinese entering Canada simply passed through en route to the United States. The figures given are as follows: 1897, 2,422; 1898, 2,150; 1899, 4,366; for the six months ending December 31, 1899, 947.

YUKON MISGOVERNMENT.

There is some talk of holding a commission of inquiry into Yukon affairs. The exodus from Dawson is impressing the government. The reduction in the population of Dawson from 16,000, which it had last year, to 4,445, as officially reported two months ago, is attributed partly to the Cape Nome boom, but in large measure to misgovernment in the Yukon district. The royalty has contributed materially to crippling the development of the mining industry, and Mr. Louise Coste, who has just returned from England, states that, until the government reduces the royalty, they need not expect much more English capital to be invested in the Yukon country. Such a statement, coming from a gentleman who holds a high position in the government service, is very significant. Last session Mr. Duffin asked for Mr. Coste's report on the Teslin Lake railway route, but for some reason or other Mr. Tarte does not seem disposed to bring down the report. The opposition, however, intend to insist upon its production.

Victoria Joins The Long Roll

Branch of the Red Cross Society Organized Here Last Evening.

Officers Elected and a Large Number of Members Join.

At a well attended meeting, composed largely of ladies, at the city hall last evening the organization was effected of a branch of the British Red Cross Society. Mayor Hayward presided and in a short speech told of the good work the society was doing at the present time. Mr. Lindley Crease was appointed secretary of the meeting.

Col. Grant, R.E., in rising to propose the first motion regretted that Sir Herbert Tupper had not been able to attend and explain the objects of the Red Cross Society. He had therefore undertaken the task and explained that the Red Cross societies worked under the Geneva convention, supplementing the work of the army medical corps, who were often unable to cope with the duties devolving upon them. They provided medical supplies and comforts, besides medical assistance and nursing and hospital training for wounded. Canada had for organizing the first colonial branch three years ago, and had a commissioner, Dr. Ryerson, now at Modder River with the Canadians. To become a member as that was required was to purchase a button with a red cross on it for 25 cents of a pin with similar cross on it for 50 cents. These were to be renewed annually. He moved that there being great need for increased help to the sick and wounded in South Africa a branch of the British Red Cross Society be formed in Victoria. Capt. Clive Phillips Wolley, in seconding the resolution, said he hoped Victorians would go further than pins and buttons in such a good cause. He took exception to the words Imperial and Colonial troops, for since the battle of Modder River there were no Imperial and Colonial troops, they being all Imperial troops now.

The resolution was carried unanimously. Sir Henry P. Pellet Crease moved the second resolution and supplemented it by saying he was sure to do his share in such a good cause. The Red Cross Society owed its existence to one man and only so long ago as 1867. Since then it had grown like a snowball and prevailed in all civilized countries. He moved that Lieut.-Col. Grant, R.E., be president of the local branch. Major Dupont had much pleasure in seconding the motion, as he considered a better man than Col. Grant could not be found for the position. He was sure that the Colonel would receive the co-operation of Victorians in the laudable movements. The speaker referred to the work of the women in South Africa and in other parts of the Empire on behalf of the soldiers at the front. The people in following the glories of the war were given to overlook the misery and suffering of the men, trying on the way, as Mr. Hardy Simpson said, that Senator Macdonald be appointed vice-president of the Red Cross Society. This was seconded by Mr. H. D. Helmcken, M.P.P., who paid a compliment to the ladies.

It was carried unanimously. Mr. Lindley Crease moved that Lieut.-Col. Gregory be appointed secretary and Dr. John Duncan treasurer of the society. He delivered a neat speech, urging men and women to work for the good of the society. If peace was declared tomorrow it would not heal the wounds of those who had taken part. No one would like it said that the suffering of any one soldier had not been alleviated. Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt seconded the resolution and prophesied that when the society was organized all the funds necessary would be forthcoming. Mrs. Helen Grant moved that the following ladies and gentlemen be appointed an executive committee with power to add to their number: Major Benson, R.C.A.; Messrs A. E. McPhillips, Lindley Crease, Walter Morris, Major Dupont, H. D. Helmcken, M.P.P.; A. C. Flumerfelt, Mayor Hayward and Mesdames (Col.) Grant, Hayward, Galletty, G. Grant, H. Grant, Roche, Robertson, Wolley and Misses Perrin, Crease and B. Coe.

Mrs. Galletty seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously. A large number of those present enrolled themselves as members before the meeting adjourned.

Cronje's Army Are Not Sorry

Welcome Relief From the Awful Daily Hall of British Shell.

Panic on Their Night March—Promised Succor That Never Came.

London, March 2.—A special correspondent telegraphing from Paardeberg on February 27 says:

"A curious piece of news has just been related to me by Cronje's aide-de-camp. It appears that Cronje was in daily heliographic communication with Gen. Dewet, who he supposed was bringing up reinforcements. Yesterday Cronje heliographed that unless he was relieved immediately he would feel bound to surrender. Gen. Dewet replied with a cheering message, urging him to hold on longer and that he would soon be relieved, but totally failed to effect any diversion.

The mounted infantry to-day remonstrated the Boers, approaching from the south, and after drawing shell fire returned.

"The prisoners all appear to regard the blow as severe, but it is regarded by the British.

Gen. Cronje's A. D. C. stated to-day that he believed the Free State would continue to fight as long as the Transvaal wished. On the other hand, many Free Staters are anxiously asking for copies of Roberts' proclamation."

Paardeberg, Feb. 28.—All the prisoners were paraded yesterday afternoon. They extended in a long, trailing line across the plain, and as far as possible were arranged in companies. The Free Staters were kept separated from the Transvaalers.

The faces of the men as they passed made it impossible to arrive at any other conclusion than that they were all overjoyed at their release from the daily hell of shell and shot which they had been experiencing lately, many not even taking the trouble to conceal their delight from the soldiers guarding them. They chatted freely with the British, discussing the different battles in which they had fought.

All the prisoners have an intense admiration for the bravery and pluck of the British, and they freely confess that they are incapable of the dash and go of the British.

Some of the sick prisoners have given a vivid description of Gen. Cronje's night march. It began in a panic, and a confusion prevailed throughout. The huge wagons crowded the narrow road. There was an utter lack of order, and desertions were numerous. The Boer rations consisted of one pound of sugar and five pounds of flour per man.

Every man who was off duty visited the Boer lager yesterday, and the curious Tommies spent the day in searching every nook and corner. After what might prove useful to the army, had been secured, the soldiers were allowed to take whatever they liked. The men carried off clothing, kettles, cups and even umbrellas.

Orange River, March 1.—Gen. Cronje and his wife passed here to-night, en route to Cape Town. Elaborate preparations had been taken to prevent the people from seeing him. Even the officers were ordered from the station, and the refreshment room was kept cleared before his arrival, to the discomfort of the Kimberley passengers. Gen. Cronje looks dejected and miserable, and has grown more gray. He entered the refreshment room accompanied by his wife, son and an interpreter, and Gen. Pretorius and his staff. Taking his seat at a table, Gen. Cronje covered his face with his hand for a few moments as he engaged in prayer.

Cape Town, March 2.—Gen. Cronje and his party arrived at Simonstown to-day. Gen. Cronje was received by Gen. Sir Frederick Forestier-Walker, representative of Sir Alfred Milner, the governor of Cape Colony.

THE EASTERN CANADIANS.

Victoria Has Prominent Citizens From All Over the Older Provinces.

The following list of the names and addresses of those present at the Eastern Canadian banquet was prepared for the joint use of the Times and Colonist and is printed first by us through the courtesy of the Times.

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